

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**

GILBERT JAMES,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:11cv00221

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO FILE PLEADINGS UNDER SEAL

Defendants, Encore Capital Group, Inc., Midland Funding, LLC, and Midland Credit Management, Inc. (collectively, "the Midland Defendants"), by counsel, and pursuant to Rule 5 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, hereby move to file certain pleadings under seal. The reasons in support of the motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Encore Capital Group, Inc., Midland Funding, LLC, and Midland Credit Management, Inc. respectfully request that the Court: (1) grant the Midland Defendants' motion; (2) enter the proposed order attached to the motion; and (3) grant the Midland Defendants any such further relief that the Court deems proper.

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.,
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC and
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 26th day of September, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will then send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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